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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by Chairman Vaupel.

Members present: Reps. Vaupel, Tedder, Graves, Garcia, Sheppard, Calley, Farrington, Hauck, Hornberger, Kahle, Noble, Brinks, Schor, Garrett, Neeley, Hammoud, and Hertel.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Tedder moved to adopt the minutes of October 11, 2017. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Vaupel laid the following bills before the committee:

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| HB 5158 (Howrylak) | Education; special; developmental milestones and assessment of language and communication development for deaf, deafblind, and hard-of-hearing children; provide for. |
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| HB 5159 (Phelps) | Education; special; deaf, deafblind, and hard-of-hearing children's educational bill of rights; create. |
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Representative Howrylak and Amanda Gill, Legislative Director for Representative Howrylak, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Sydney Kraizman, representing the Michigan Alexander Graham Bell Association, testified in opposition to HB 5158 and in support of HB 5159 and submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion followed.

Freida Morrison, deaf community advocate and President of the Michigan School for the Deaf Alumni Association, testified in support of the bills and submitted written testimony.

Annie Urasky, representing the Michigan Department of Civil Rights Division on Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing, testified in support of the bills and submitted written testimony.

The following people submitted cards wishing to speak but were unable due to time constraints:

Janel Frost, representing Michigan Hands & Voices, and submitted written testimony.

Shon Halacka, representing children with hearing loss.

Sean Forbes, representing the deaf community.

Ann Liming, representing the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan.
Stephanie Naeyaert, representing deaf children.
Millie Hyrsin, representing Empower.
Margaret Barker, representing Flint deaf senior citizens.
Teddy Dorsette III, representing himself.
Dallas Barker, representing the deaf community.

The following people submitted written testimony in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Kevin Morrison, representing himself.
James Cech, representing himself.
Mary Mitchell, representing herself.
Carmon Johnson, representing herself.
Marcy Colton, representing Deaf CAN! Community Advocate Network.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Bonnie Jo Gemmill, representing deaf children.
Michael Morrison, representing himself.

Chairman Vaupel announced that multiple email correspondence were received in support and were scanned into the committee website.

Chairman Vaupel laid the following bill before the committee:

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| HB 4674 (Hoadley) | Human services; long-term care; impact study related to long-term care needs; require. |
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Representative Hoadley and Representative Griffin testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Sarah Slocum, representing Altarum, testified in support of the bill and submitted written testimony. Representative Hoadley returned to the table to address questions. Discussion followed.

Karen Gordon Rosenberg, representing Feinberg Consulting, testified in support of the bill and submitted written testimony.

Lindsay Brieschke, representing the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapters, and Katherine M. Grant, representing the Community Alliance, testified together in support of the bill and both submitted written testimony.

Melissa Bruzzano, representing herself, testified in support of the bill.

Andrea Janssen, representing herself, testified in support of the bill.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Lisa Dedden Cooper, representing the AARP Michigan.

Emily Schwarzkopf, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Rebecca Gray, representing herself.

Diego Bonesatti, representing himself and his dad, and submitted written testimony.

Laura DePalma, representing herself.

Chairman Vaupel introduced and welcomed his guest and winner of his Summer Reading Program, Elizabeth Morrow, to the committee.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Vaupel adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:20 a.m.

Representative Hank Vaupel, Chair_____

Melissa Weipert, Committee Clerk

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